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About Town Notes

The Misses Rulok, of Allentown, spent Washington's birthday with Clara M. Hawk.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gristock and Miss Dorothy Gristock spent Sunday at the home of relatives in Philadelphia.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fire Company will be held in the Fire Hall on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Tyson spent Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Faringer in Philadelphia.

Miss Carrie Klausfelder spent several days last week at the home of her parents.

Mrs. William Corson and children spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of relatives in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douthett and children, of Wayne, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moser.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fenton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullock in West Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Dedaker and children spent Sunday visiting friends in Boyertown.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Frame at Center Square.

Mr. R. N. Wanner returned on Monday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Edgar T. Robinson, of Millville, N. J.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church will be held next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. R. N. Wanner.

Mrs. Emma Cockings, of Philadelphia, spent the week end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Fie.

Mrs. S. D. Cornish entertained the Sewing Circle on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Leon Gordon, of Norristown, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Dr. A. B. Hess of Chambersburg, renewed acquaintances in town on Wednesday.

Mr. William Fie is completing extensive improvements to his home on Park avenue.

The Trinity Girls' Club gave an entertainment in the Sunday school room on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. S. D. Cornish visited relatives in Zieglerstown on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller and children were week end visitors in North Philadelphia.

Miss Catherine Custer, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bechtel.

Dr. William M. Hill motored to Atlantic City last week.

Mrs. Loder spent several days last week visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

SPEAKERS AT VESPER.

The following speakers for the vesper services at four o'clock on Sunday afternoons in the college chapel have been announced for the coming month—March 4, President Omwake; March 11, the Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, Trinity Reformed church, Pottstown; March 18, the Rev. W. O. Fegely, Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe; March 25, the Rev. Wm. S. Clapp, Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville.

On Palm Sunday, April 1, the college choir will render a service of special music.

A Thrilling Lecture.

The third number of the winter lecture course at Ursinus College, Monday evening, by Dr. G. Whitefield Ray, proved to be very instructive and quite thrilling throughout. The Dr. exhibited a map of South America and graphically set forth a description of the vast areas of Brazil and Argentina, the greater part of which is practically unknown to the white race. In relating his experience in making explorations in new territory and among the uncivilized tribes, the attention of the audience was riveted upon the speaker.

W. C. T. U.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the local union will be held at the parsonage, Tuesday, March 6, at 2:30 p. m. Officers for the coming year are to be elected and the usual yearly business to be attended to. It is therefore desirable that all members make it a point to attend the meeting.

Missionary Society Meeting.

The Women's Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church, Collegeville, will meet on Wednesday, March 7, at 2:30. Members are requested to bring or send the contents of their Thanksgiving boxes.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The Death Roll

Ellen E. Poley.

Ellen E. Poley, widow of the late Samuel Poley, of Port Providence, died on Friday night, aged 72 years. She is survived by six children. Funeral was held on Wednesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Morris cemetery; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

Rev. James W. Riddle.

Rev. James W. Riddle, of Valley Forge, died on Sunday morning, aged 72 years. He leaves three children: Professor J. W. Riddle and Mrs. William Buxton, of West Philadelphia, and Miss A. Pearl Riddle at home. Funeral on Thursday at residence of Ferdinand Logan, Corner Stores, near Phoenixville, at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Morris cemetery; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

David R. Zearfoss.

David R. Zearfoss died on Friday at his daughter's home in Limerick township, aged 80 years. Funeral on Monday. Interment in Northwood cemetery, Philadelphia; undertaker, F. W. Shaikop.

Nathan B. Grubb.

Nathan B. Grubb died on Sunday at his home in Linfield, aged 63 years. He leaves a wife and several children. A surviving brother is Rev. N. B. Grubb, formerly of Schwenksville, now of Philadelphia. The funeral was held on Wednesday at Linfield chapel at 2 p. m. Interment in Oakroad cemetery, Parkerford; undertaker, F. W. Shaikop.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment of the Collegeville public schools in the auditorium next Saturday evening, deserves a large attendance. A very interesting program consisting in part of readings, and concert and violin solos and duets, will be presented, and the entertainment will be worth the price of admission—25 and 15 cents. The proceeds, as heretofore stated, will be used toward defraying the expense of the course of physical training introduced in the schools. Don't miss a good entertainment next Saturday evening.

Zwinglian Freshman Contest.

The Zwinglian Freshman Contest in Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College, Thursday evening, February 22, was a most creditable exhibition of declamatory talent, each debating participant acquitting himself with honor. The first prize of \$10 in gold was awarded to L. Paul Moore, of Philadelphia; second prize, \$5 dollars in gold, to Dr. Edgar Grove, of Shady Grove, Pa.; third prize, \$2 1/2 dollars in gold, to A. Roy Heffner, of Halltown, Pa. In giving honorable mention the judges were unable to select one to follow in excellence, so they chose two—Henry C. Ferber, of Linglestown, Pa., and C. Russel Long, of Jonestown, Pa.

Large Trade in Automobiles.

L. C. and M. C. Landes, dealers in automobiles and proprietors of the large automobile repair shops at Yorkes have sold since August 1, 1916, 33 1/2 per cent. more automobiles than they disposed of during the entire year from August 1, 1915, to August 1, 1916. During the past week they received orders for 12 Ford and 2 Grant Six cars. The repair shops keep a number of men steadily employed in making repairs to automobiles.

Thousands in Dog License Money.

County Commissioners' Clerk, Daniel Hart, on Saturday forwarded to Harrisburg, the report on the dog taxes for 1916. The total receipts were \$8,468 for 11,828 licensed dogs. Ten sheep were killed by dogs during the year. They were valued at \$109.60 and were paid for out of the dog tax funds. During the year, 478 unlicensed dogs were killed by constables, and \$1 was paid for each dog killed. The total expenditures totaled \$2,198.04 and a balance is in the fund of \$6,280. \$6,000 of this fund will be turned over to the school fund.

Ursinus Quartette Gives Concert.

On Tuesday, February 20, the Ursinus College quartette gave a concert in the Rockledge school on Monday under the auspices of the Home and School Association. The auditorium was crowded and all enjoyed the excellent program. The quartette comprises: J. H. A. Bomberger, P. E. Deitz, H. J. Weiss, R. E. Wilhelm.

Property Damages Must Be Paid.

Judge Swartz in an opinion handed down last week refused to grant the petition of the Philadelphia and Western Railway seeking to be relieved from paying financial damages resulting from the erection of the elevated structure on Swede street, Norristown. The company has been fighting a number of suits and recently two awards against the company were given by juries, \$1,588 to Mark Stead and \$1,717 to Patrick McDermott.

Stoan's Liniment For Rheumatism.

The torture of rheumatism, the pains and aches that make life unbearable are relieved by Stoan's Liniment, a clean, clear liquid that is easy to apply and more effective than musty plasters or ointments, because it penetrates quickly without rubbing. For the many pains and aches following exposure, strains, sprains and muscle soreness, Stoan's Liniment is promptly effective. Always have a bottle handy for gout, lumbago, toothache, backache, stiff neck and all external pains. At druggists, 25c.

DEATH OF EUGENE DAMBLY.

Eugene Dambly, publisher of the Montgomery Transcript of Skipack, passed away early Sunday morning, after an illness extending over several years. He was 45 years of age. Beside his wife there survive three brothers and one sister—John, of Norristown; former Assemblyman B. Whitman and Harry W., both of Skipack; and one sister, Rose, wife of A. D. Hallman of Skipack. Mr. Dambly's mother died several weeks ago. The funeral takes place to-day (Thursday) with services and interment at Trinity Reformed church and cemetery, Skipack.

Mr. Dambly, as publisher of the Transcript for more than fifteen years, took a prominent part in all the affairs of his community, and was always esteemed as an honorable and efficient business man, a devoted husband, a kind neighbor, and an exemplary citizen. His genial disposition attracted many friends. He was one of the incorporators of the Bridgeport National Bank, and an active member of the Bucks-Montgomery Press League. He was an officer of Trinity Reformed church, Skipack, and the superintendent of the Sunday school.

TWELVE NEW MEMBERS ADDED

TO O. O. F. A. COUNCIL, EVANSBURG.

Last Thursday evening, at a meeting of Benevolent Council No. 25, O. O. F. A., Evansburg, twelve new members were added to the Council. Visiting brethren to the number of 42 from Wayne Council of Phoenixville were present, the degree team of which conducted the initiation ceremonies. Upon the adjournment of Council a substantial repast was served in the attractive basement of the Council building. It was a great event to the history of Benevolent Council and was much enjoyed by all present.

SACRED CONCERT.

The choir of St. James' church, Evansburg, has arranged for a sacred concert of song to be given on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church. Among the numbers prepared are: Christian Dost Thou See Them—J. B. Dykes; Glory be to God on High—Carl Brucher; King's recessional, O Paradise—C. E. Stephens; Through the Day Thy Love has Spared Us—C. L. Naylor; The Light of Heaven's Our Day—Ellerton; In the Cross of Christ I Glory—I. Coukey; Nearer My God to Thee—A. S. Sullivan. Members and friends of St. James' church are cordially invited to attend this service. They will be welcomed most heartily.

NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTED.

On Monday Judges Swartz and Miller appointed William Warner Harper, of Springdale township, a County Commissioner to fill the vacancy in the Board of Commissioners caused by the death of George Sullivan, late of Lower Merion. The appointment of Mr. Harper came as a surprise, as he was not among the aspirants who filed applications for the vacant position.

The new commissioner is 50 years of age, is proprietor of the extensive Andora Nurseries, near Barren Hill, and has the reputation of being an excellent business man. He is at present the president of the Board of Commissioners of Springfield township.

Man Hit by Train Died in Hospital.

The Reading Railway passenger train from Philadelphia, Thursday, struck a man above Phoenixville, this side of the Black Rock tunnel. The man, William Custer, who lives at the north side of the tunnel, had both legs cut off and was otherwise injured. He died at 10:50 o'clock in the Phoenixville Hospital. Custer worked in a mill and he was on his way home from the mill when he was struck by the passenger train. Both of his legs were cut off and he was dragged for many hundred feet before the train could be halted. He leaves a wife and family.

CAR INSPECTOR KILLED ON RAIL.

John Bewick, aged 32, of Barbadoes street, Norristown, was horribly mangled Tuesday morning in the Abrams yards of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, when he was run down by an engine and caboose, while he was on his way along the tracks to his place of duty as car inspector in the Abrams yards. He is survived by a wife and five small children.

New Citizens.

On Monday in Naturalization Court, Norristown, fourteen new citizens were enrolled. The case of Camillo Bruno, an Italian of Norristown, is an unusual one. Bruno qualified as far as general intelligence goes, but the papers were refused because his family is in Italy and the United States would have to assume responsibility for them if papers were granted to Bruno.

Worms Make Children Fretful.

Children suffering from worms are dull and irritable, puny and weak, often grind their teeth and cry out in sleep, being a constant source of worry to their parents. Because it penetrates quickly without rubbing, it kills and removes the worm from the system. Irregular appetite and bowel movement, lack of interest in play are sure signs of worms. Relieve your child of this burden. At all druggists, 25c.

Farmers' Institute, Grange Hall, Trappe.

Following is the program of the various sessions of the Farmers' Institute in Grange Hall, Trappe, on Friday afternoon and Saturday of this week. All who are interested in agricultural pursuits are most cordially invited to be present and receive the benefit of the experience of experts in the various lines of agricultural effort.

Friday, March 2, 1.30 P. M.

PRAYER REV. W. O. FEGELY
HOME AND MARKET GARDENING SHELDON W. FUNK
HOW TO GROW POTATOES AT A PROFIT J. S. GROUPE
BUSINESS OF DAIRY PRODUCTION L. W. LIGHTY
ADJOURNMENT, 4 P. M.

Friday, March 2, 7.30 P. M.

QUESTIONS FROM QUESTION BOX S. W. FUNK
THE SPRAYING OF FRUIT TREES MISS JANE MOYER
RECITATION MISS JANE MOYER
SOME ADVANTAGES OF THE FARM OVER CITY LIFE J. S. GROUPE

Saturday, March 3, 9.30 A. M.

PRAYER REV. S. L. MESSINGER
QUESTIONS FROM QUESTION BOX L. W. LIGHTY
CORN GROWING S. W. FUNK
THE MARKETING PROBLEM J. S. GROUPE
HANDLING STABLE MANURE FOR BEST RETURNS J. S. GROUPE
ADJOURNMENT, 11.30 A. M.

Saturday, March 3, 1.30 P. M.

QUESTIONS FROM QUESTION BOX
COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS AND THE VALUE OF HOME MIXING S. W. FUNK
RECITATION MASTER BARNETT STEARLY
TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH HOGS J. S. GROUPE
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC MRS. A. D. HUNSICKER
SILO SOILING AND PASTURE L. W. LIGHTY
ADJOURNMENT, 4 P. M.

Saturday, March 3, 7.30 P. M.

QUESTIONS FROM QUESTION BOX MISS RUTH FAVINGER
SOLO MISS RUTH FAVINGER
THE BUSINESS OF MARKETING DAIRY PRODUCTS L. W. LIGHTY
HOW WE INCREASED THE CORN YIELD J. S. GROUPE
RECITATION CLAUDE MOYER
THE RURAL COMMUNITY IN ADVANCING CIVILIZATION GEO. L. OMWAKE, Pd. D.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTED OFFICERS.

The Montgomery County Historical Society, in annual session Friday, at Norristown, elected H. W. Kraiz, of Norristown, president, succeeding Joseph Farnance, of Norristown, president since the organization was formed. The danger from fire and otherwise for the many relics in the historical building on Penn street was pointed out, and the first steps toward getting funds for a new home were taken. A campaign for new members will be conducted by a committee consisting of one from each township in the county. This method of raising money was preferred to increasing the dues to \$2. The society obtained a historic flag from Perkiomen Seminary. The old flag, which has a historic value, will be placed among the relics.

Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents—T. R. Beeber, S. G. Smyth, E. W. Hocker; trustees—S. H. Orr, W. H. Weber, C. H. Shaw, Tracy Cresson, F. A. Stickler; treasurer, W. H. Reed; secretaries—George K. Brecht, Mary J. G. Gerhardt, Mrs. A. Conna Jones; cultor, Frances M. Fox; librarian, William Summers.

PROPERTIES SOLD BY SHERIFF.

Among the properties sold by Sheriff Nagle on Wednesday of last week were:

Tract, buildings and bakery of John H. Custer, Main street, Collegeville, for a debt of \$4,989.25, due to the Security Company of Pottstown. To Attorney Henry Freedley \$300.

The attractive country home and tract of land, owned by the Norristown Automobile Club and located on the Ridge Pike, opposite the Kinwood driving track, above Jeffersonville, for a debt of \$6,379.99, due to Lewis E. Tumbel. To Attorney C. Townley Larzelere, \$100.

ANNIVERSARY OF HISTORIC CHURCH.

The historic Bethel Methodist Episcopal church, of Belfry, known as the "mother of Methodism," in eastern Pennsylvania, celebrated the 135 anniversary of its founding on Sunday with special all-day services.

Bethel church was founded in 1782, about fifteen years after the advent of the Methodist Episcopal religion in this country. Several years later three other churches were founded in the Montgomery county section, the four being placed on one circuit. During the pastorate of the Rev. Alexander M. Graham, Sr., the church has been thoroughly renovated and it is free of debt. An adjoining schoolhouse was also purchased and converted into a social and community hall.

Scarcity of Rural School Teachers.

One rural school has been closed on account of a scarcity of teachers. County Superintendent J. H. Landis says the situation is serious. He states that there are twenty vacancies arising and he has not one applicant on the waiting list. Male and female teachers have been going into commercial positions.

Spring Colds are Dangerous.

Sudden changes of temperature and undergarment bring spring colds with stuffed up head, sore throat and general cold symptoms. A dose of Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief, this happy combination of catnip and eucalyptus soothes the head, soothes the irritated membranes and what might have been a lingering cold is broken up. Don't stop treatment when relief is first felt as a half cured cold is dangerous. Take Dr. King's New Discovery until your cold is gone.

WORK DONE ON STATE FORESTS.

The annual summary of work accomplished on Pennsylvania's State Forests was issued this week by Commissioner of Forestry Robert S. Conklin. It gives the total area of the State Forests on January 1, 1917, as 1,012,180 acres, which cost \$2,310,723, an average of \$2.28 per acre. Excluding taxes, a total of \$2,994,798 has been appropriated for the development of the Forests, or about \$2.98 per acre. This expenditure spreads over a period of about twenty years since the first land was bought, and makes the average appropriation for the actual practice of forestry about fourteen cents per acre per year. Careful appraisal of the State Forests places their present value at from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

Over 1,500 miles of old roads have been repaired, and 280 miles of new roads have been built. A thousand miles of fire lanes from ten to thirty feet wide, and 684 miles of trails have been cut.

The total area of the forest nurseries devoted to raising trees is seven-tenths of an acre. The Department's nurseries have grown about 26,000,000 trees, 22,000,000 of which have been planted on 13,000 acres of burned over forest land. The annual production of the nurseries is now about 10,000,000 trees, and can still be much increased.

Fire towers have been built on 119 points of high elevation on the Forests, but only seven are of steel. A million fish have been planted in forest streams, and 1,300 of a total of 2,300 springs have been cleaned, walled, and made accessible. Almost 3,000 handboards have been posted to guide travelers in the woods, and to mark plainly the boundary lines of State land.

Over a thousand camp sites are in use on the Forests, and 342 have been leased for a period of ten years. More than 100 leases were executed during 1916 only, and the number of campers and visitors of the Forests last year was over 61,000.

Seventy foresters and seventy-seven rangers were in service January 1. A number of the foresters are engaged in surveying, drafting, and office work, so that the actual field force numbers only forty-eight. This gives each forester an area of over 20,000 acres, equivalent to a tract ten miles long and three miles wide.

BURSTING PIPE CAUSES FATAL SCALDING OF FOUR MEN.

By the bursting of the steam pipes in the engine room of the Nagle Iron Works, Pottstown, at 3:30, Tuesday morning, four men were scalded to death. The engine room was able to fight their way into the steam filled room, three were found lifeless. The fourth died during the morning in the Pottstown Hospital. The victims are: John Buckert, engineer, aged 31, married, of Stowe; died in the Pottstown Hospital at 9:30.

Frank Keim, 30; leaves wife and two children, 343 West street, Pottstown.

Calvin Schaeffer, 23, single, residing at the Half Way House, Lower Pottsgrove.

Lewis Gindler, 21, single, of Glasgow.

The engine and boilers and steam pipes had been inspected, Saturday last, the plant being closed for the purpose, and a certificate of approval was given.

The bursting of the main pipe took place between beats at the big plant and at a time when a full head of steam had accumulated for the operation of the machinery.

The men were caught in a death trap, having no chance for escape. For a time it was impossible to rescue them from their position and it was necessary to permit the greater volume of steam from the big boilers to get away before any opportunity for entering the building could be had.

MANY CASES FOR MARCH CIVIL COURT.

For the two weeks of the March term of Civil Court, beginning Monday, March 12 and 19, respectively, there have been listed for trial 50 cases, 25 for each of the two weeks. Among the most prominent of the cases listed to be submitted to a jury for a determination of the facts is the action arising from the crusade inaugurated, two years ago, by Burgess J. Elmer Saul, who, upon assuming office, made an endeavor to drive all manner of vice out of Norristown. In connection therewith the Burns Detective Agency was employed to place operators in the community, with the result that a raid was made upon a prominent place on East Main street, wherein a number of business and professional men were said to have been engaged in participating in a gambling affair of no small proportions. In the end, the prosecutions fell as a result of the outcome of the criminal trials.

When the Burns Detective Agency submitted its bill for the part it had taken in the affair, Norristown Town Council refused to pay the claim, virtually repudiating the entire affair. A demand was then made upon Burgess Saul, and he has refused to pay the claim on the ground that he acted in conjunction with and with the full knowledge and approval of Dr. Calvin Ersh, then a member of Town Council and the chairman of the Watch and Lamp Committee.

Besides realizing \$1200 to cancel his debt, at a fair held by the Salsoga Fire Company, near Pottstown, there is also a nest egg toward buying a motor apparatus.

News From Trappe

Mrs. Elizabeth Schachtard, Misses Lucille Schachtard and Martha Bates, Messrs. William B. Schachtard and David Truckess and Mr. and Mrs. John Heidel, all of Norristown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tyson. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Buckwalter, of Collegeville, spent Wednesday at the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schrack, of Royersford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Schrack.

Misses Mariam Webb and Hannah Frances, of Crozer Hospital, Chester, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weyant.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and Miss Ruth Zimmerman, of Ernest, Pa., and Mrs. Vera Martin, of Lloydsville, Pa., spent Sunday afternoon with Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Hensch.

Mr. Edward Greenhalgh, deputy coroner of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Guthoff, of the same city, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bittner on Sunday. Mr. Guthoff is a member of the Philadelphia bar and Mrs. Guthoff is Mr. Bittner's sister.

Preaching in the U. E. church next Sunday at 10 a. m. by the new pastor, Rev. H. S. Heffner; S. S. at 9 a. m.; prayer-meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30, led by Mr. John Hunsicker; C. E. prayer-meeting Saturday evening (regular consecration meeting) at 7:30. Topic: Service. Leader, Abraham Buckwalter, Jr. The C. E. held a very interesting Home Missionary meeting Saturday evening.

FAST FREIGHT STRUCK EXPRESS TRAIN AND KILLED NINETEEN PASSENGERS AND A PORTER.

Nineteen passengers and a Pullman porter were killed when a fast freight crashed into the rear of the eastbound Mercantile Express train No. 6, of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Mt. Union, Pa., early Tuesday morning. The sleeping car Bellwood, on the rear of the express, was telescoped and everyone in it, with the exception of a woman and a boy, were killed, including Mr. and Mrs. Chester Minds of Ramsey, Pa., their 8-weeks-old son, and Miss Maud Minds, sister of Chester Minds. The Minds family was traveling from Tyrone, Pa., to Ulica, N. Y., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Minds' father. Caught in their berths the passengers had not the slightest chance for their lives. A number of them were asleep when death came. The engineer and his companions of the freight train escaped with their lives. The horrible accident was evidently due to an error of the engineer in observing signal lights.

FOUR KILLED AND FOUR HURT IN TRAIN CRASH.

Four men were killed, four others painfully injured, seven racehorses were mangled and burned to death, and a score of express and freight cars were destroyed early Sunday when an Adams Express train crashed into wrecked freight cars about a mile above Bristol on the main line of the New York division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. For several hours the wreckage burned and it was not until late in the afternoon that traffic on the division was opened. So great was the impact that the four tracks of the main line were torn from the roadbed for a distance of 1000 feet. Freight of all description was thrown over the debris and a quantity of print paper soon caught fire. The Bristol fire department was summoned and for several hours tons of water were thrown upon the blaze. When the flames were finally extinguished more than 500 workmen, composing five wrecking crews, were forced to wait until the twisted iron and steel could be before they could clear away the wreck, preparatory to laying new tracks.

CUTTING TEETH AT 96.

LAUREL, Del., Feb. 24.—Isaac Mumford, a retired farmer, living on the Millsboro road, eleven miles east of Laurel, is cutting a third set of teeth, and complains that the pain equals the toothache. Mr. Mumford and his wife are the two oldest white persons in that district. He is ninety-six and his wife ninety-two years old. They recently celebrated their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary. They raised ten children, five of whom are living, and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren attended their diamond jubilee. Mr. Mumford's eyesight is good. He worked regularly on his farm until three years ago. Mrs. Mumford is as active as a woman of sixty. Their oldest child is seventy-three.

CITY HAS HAD MANY RULERS.

During the disastrous Thirty year war, which laid so many cities of Germany low, Colmar was at one time in the hands of the Swede and at another in the French possession. In 1673 the latter nation again occupied the town and proceeded to raze the fortifications. Eight years later Louis XIV annexed it to France by formal decree, and it remained in possession of that country as the capital of the Haut-Rhin department until 1871, when, with the other cities of Alsace and Lorraine, it was added by conquest to the German empire.

County and State Items

John, 12-year-old son of Michael Gleason, of Phoenixville, was shot in an eye while watching other boys shooting at a target with a small rifle.

Through the activities of the Berks County Conservation Association, 500 Reading boys will be appointed tree wardens.

White Peking

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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, March 1, 1917.

PRESIDENT WILSON ASKS CONGRESS FOR POWER TO FORCE RIGHTS BY ARMS.

Addressing the Senate and House at Washington, on Monday, President Wilson asked Congress for authority to use the forces of the United States to protect ships and lives against the German submarine menace; to put the nation in a state of armed neutrality; in state of naval preparedness for emergencies.

An immediate response to the address was the introduction in the House of a bill, approved in advance by the President, empowering him to furnish guns and gunners to American merchantmen; to "employ such other instrumentalities and methods" as may become necessary, and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue, to be used in his discretion to encourage American commerce to face the submarine peril.

Excerpts from President Wilson's address:

"No one doubts that it is our duty to do. We must defend our commerce and the lives of our people in the midst of the present trying circumstances, with discretion, but with clear and steadfast purpose. Only the method and the extent remain to be chosen, upon the occasion if occasion should indeed arise."

"Since it has unhappily proved impossible to safeguard our neutral rights by diplomatic means against the unwarranted infringements they are suffering at the hands of Germany, there may be no recourse but to armed neutrality, which we shall know how to maintain and for which there is abundant American precedent."

"It is not of material interest merely that we are thinking. It is, rather, of fundamental human rights, chief of all the right of life itself. I am thinking not only of the rights of Americans to go and come about their proper business by way of the sea, but also of something much deeper, much more fundamental than that."

"I am thinking of those rights of humanity without which there is no civilization. My theme is of those great principles of compassion and of protection which mankind has sought to throw about human lives, the lives of non-combatants, the lives of men who are peacefully at work keeping the industrial processes of the world quick and vital, the lives of women and children and of those who supply the labor which ministers to their sustenance."

"We are speaking of no selfish material rights, but of rights which our hearts support and whose foundation is that righteous passion for justice upon which all law, all structures alike of family, of state and of mankind must rest, as upon the ultimate base of our existence and our liberty. I cannot imagine any man with American principles at his heart hesitating to defend these things."

President Wilson has clearly recognized the obligation of the United States Government to maintain its just rights and protect the lives of American citizens, and the action he has taken will meet with the unqualified approval of every true and loyal citizen of the United States. The nearness of the adjournment of Congress led the President to ask for a reinforcement of his constitutional power to act when Congress is not in session.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH SIDETRACKS INVESTIGATION.

Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of the great State of Pennsylvania, charged with sundry and disgraceful derelictions, has chosen to veto the Sproul probe resolution authorizing an investigation of the charges preferred against him, because he esteems it "solely a factional measure, which is not in any important sense a measure in the interest of the people of Pennsylvania." The Governor still maintains that he courts a "fair, free and impartial" investigation and asserts that the Sproul measure does not assure such an inquiry.

Governor Brumbaugh, with a self-satisfying opinion of himself and of his personal righteousness, thus seeks to sidetrack serious points at issue.

That's just characteristic of the man. "A stream can rise no higher than its source." "The leopard cannot change his spots."

Is Governor Brumbaugh innocent, or is he guilty, of the charges specifically preferred against him? If he is virtually innocent it is not within the power of a political faction to smother, strangle, or emasculate the evidence that could easily be formulated and presented in support of his innocence.

Does Governor Brumbaugh assume that the people of Pennsylvania are a multitude of supine idiots, incapable of distinguishing the difference between official bluff and pretense and manly straightforwardness?

Is not Governor Brumbaugh's veto enshrouded with suspicion? Until the evidence is brought to light that will establish with reasonable clearness his innocence, a large majority of the people of Pennsylvania will entertain their own opinions respecting his moral stability, and will ask him for no exalted, gratuitous estimates of himself. His administration will remain under a cloud until evidence is forthcoming which shall establish his innocence. It is evidence that must count, not politico-factional prejudice; not unreliable statements emanating from any quarter.

This is no time for division of sentiment among the American people, respecting the duty of the United States Government to exhibit the qualities of a nation fitted to exist. There is a point where Pacific utterances are in effect treasonable utterances, whether they emanate from a Bryan or from the ordinary man on the street. Our Government is not courting war. It is preparing to maintain, if need be, its sacred obligation to preserve inviolate its just rights, to preserve inviolate the LIBERTY and the LIVES of American citizens. The pacifists who would sacrifice a sacred obligation of the nation should permit their shame to rest entirely with themselves and not about it publicly and misguide others. It appears to be true, indeed, that rightful liberty—the greatest boon of humanity—has become so common in this country that a good many citizens carelessly, or ignorantly, underestimate to a very considerable extent its vital significance and importance.

If a wicked intruder should gain access to Mr. Bryan's domicile and threaten to kill members of his family, what would Mr. Bryan do? Would he rapidly sentimentalize about peace with the intruder, or would he promptly endeavor to protect the lives of those of his own household? Let those who are hypnotized by Bryan tell their fellow countrymen what Mr. Bryan would do. No use asking Mr. Bryan himself. He would not stop listening to his own voice, or his adoration for himself, long enough to answer even a pertinent question.

The halo of any public office, high or low, cannot shield its incumbent from the effects of misconduct. Every effect stands for a cause efficient.

It is announced from Washington that since March 4 falls upon Sunday, President Wilson will take the oath of office privately in the White House on that day. It is not stated definitely that he will again take the oath at the public open-air ceremonies on the plaza at the Capitol on March 5, or whether he will only deliver his inaugural address. The Senate will convene in specific session on March 5 to inaugurate the Vice-President and consider cabinet nominations from the President.

SMALL FARMS FOR THE EAST

Ranches of 600 Acres or More Not Desirable for Thickly Settled States of Union.

The farm of 600 or more acres devoted to one or two crops, may be best for the great grain-growing and grazing states of the West but it is not desirable in the thickly settled communities of the middle and eastern states. The tendency in some of the states for the corporation ownership of farm lands to compete with industrial progress in other lines of commercial activity is back of this movement.

With the advent of the large farm worked by hired labor, the farm home disappears, farm life, community interest, churches, schools and rural advancement is lost, says a writer in the Baltimore American. We have in its place a big system, which may be profitable from a money point of view, but which will ultimately result in financial loss to the owners and an injury to the best interests of the community and state. This leads to unrest, and a divided community. The small farm with its quiet, comfortable home and conveniently arranged buildings, cultivated by the owner and his family, makes a live, intelligent, thrifty community. When a man has his home he takes more interest in his state and nation and becomes a patriot in the best sense of the word.

AVERAGE COST OF PLOWING

Estimated that It Requires Approximately Ten Horse-Power Hours to Turn Acre of Land.

It has been estimated that it requires approximately ten horse-power hours to turn an acre of land. When the team goes at a good speed one plow will turn about two acres in ten hours. This will require that the horses travel 176 feet per minute and exert a continuous pull of 376 pounds or 187.5 pounds per horse.

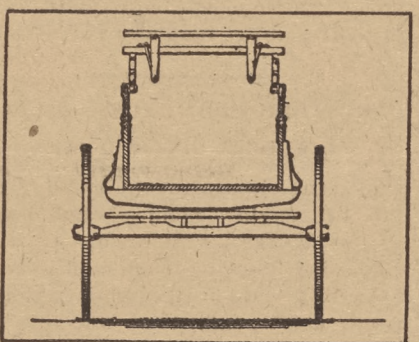
According to statistics compiled by the government horse labor cost 12 1/2 cents per hour. At this rate ten hours' work will cost \$1.25, which will be paid to the average horse cost of plowing an acre.

The cost of plowing an acre with a tractor depends upon many factors. One must consider the size of the tractor, fuel used, condition of the ground, etc. One example is given of an 8-10 tractor burning from 15 to 20 gallons of low grade kerosene per day of ten hours, one gallon of lubricating oil, at a cost of \$1.65 for hour's work. Two 14-hp plows, traveling 20 miles a day, plowed 5.6 acres at a cost of 30 cents an acre.

SPRING FOR LUMBER WAGONS

Mighty Uncomfortable to Ride for Any Distance Over Frozen Roads on Ordinary Seat.

Those of us who have ridden miles on lumber wagons over frozen roads know the value of a spring seat. Here is one that is hung a little different, Charles Frederick Blackie, an Illinois, recently being granted a patent on it. There are springs at each side



Spring Seat for Wagon.

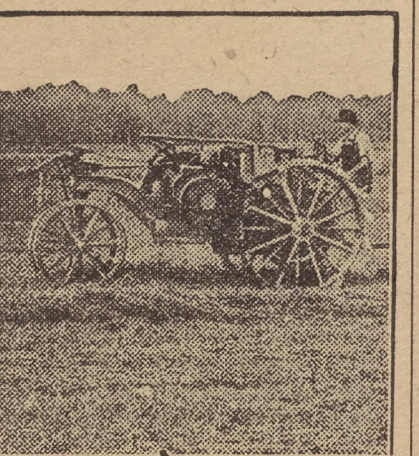
to fit over the edge of the top box as in other spring seats, but there are cross-bars on top of these springs. Rocker arms are hung beneath the seat, on the cross-bars between the springs. Depending hangers, rigid with the seat, are pivotally supported at their lower ends of the cross-bars, each of said rocker arms being mounted on the cross-bars to one side of and against a hanger and are disposed at an angle to this hanger to permit the springs to flex as well as allow the vertical movement of connecting cross-bars.—Farming Business.

HORSES AND TRACTORS

Animal Labor Still Holds High Place on Average Farm.

Useful and Satisfactory Piece of Machinery, but Must Be Considered Only as Addition to General Equipment.

That the tractor has not supplanted the horse in furnishing farm power is shown by answers to a questionnaire mailed to 500 Kansas tractor users by Dr. C. W. McCampbell, associate professor of animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural College. "Experience of tractor users is a more reliable index to the usefulness of the tractor than theoretical deductions," said Doctor McCampbell. From the data collected it was found that each of these tractor users was plowing annually an average of 317 acres, and yet he had been able to eliminate only .6423 of one horse for each 100 acres plowed. He had found use for



Good for Average Farm.

his tractor only 36.5 days per year. It was found that 95 per cent of purchasers of tractors had got them for the sole purpose of plowing wheat ground. Additional Farm Equipment. "From the experiences of these men it would seem that the tractor is a useful and satisfactory piece of farm machinery, but that it must be considered as additional farm equipment. The justification for the use of the tractor lies in the fact that it may under favorable conditions do a special line of work, rather than in the claim, refuted by experience, that the tractor is a satisfactory substitute for horse power. "The fact that these tractor users are maintaining but eight head of cattle for each 100 acres plowed indi-

cates that they are in the main grain farmers. If the extensive grain farmer is able to eliminate but two-thirds of a horse for each 100 acres plowed, the intensive farmer with his diversified farm will not be able to eliminate any horse power by purchasing a tractor."

ACRE PROFIT FROM ALFALFA

Provides Large Amount of Nutrient for Every Pound of Live Stock and Feeds Soil.

Here is why an acre of alfalfa is valuable in Minnesota: It costs about \$12 to cultivate it. At least 60 per cent of the fertilizer value is returned to the soil when the crop is fed.

A yield of three tons will return \$41.30 if fed to pigs as pasture when the pigs sell for 7 cents a pound. A similar yield if fed to steers at 20 cents a pound will bring \$42.60. The same yield if fed to cows giving 20 pounds of butter at 30 cents a pound will bring \$44.00.

Farm feeds should be judged by the total nutrients produced an acre, bearing in mind the cost of production. Alfalfa provides a large amount of nutriment for every kind of stock. Besides, it provides nutriment for the soil, hence increasing land value.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Don't let the machinery cry for oil. Sheep will surely pay you if you handle them right.

Now is the time to select from the flock the birds you will use for breeding next spring.

If onions are frozen for storage, they should be kept frozen till time to use them in the spring.

Neatness in all departments of farm work ought to be the farmer's motto and especially in the dairy.

Put some sand over the boxes or bins in which root crops are stored. It will prevent their drying out.

There are five million more horses and mules in the United States today than there were ten years ago.

Very good celery may be raised in a dry year by mulching the plants. This saves the moisture and keeps the soil cool.

Oil is cheaper than repairs and new tools, and when properly used will reduce the friction and increase the life of the farm machine.

Squash should be stored in a dry place on shelves one layer deep. They will stand considerable heat but very little cold and moisture.

DAY OF REVOLUTIONS PAST

Education Must Take the Place of the Antiquated Methods of Making Changes in Government.

The machine gun and the high explosive shell have ended the days of successful revolutions, according to Stanley J. Weyman, the English author of "The House of Wolf," "A Gentleman of France" and "Under the Red Robe." According to Mr. Weyman's view no rebellion by the people can ever hope to be successful in the larger nations now.

"Against the muskets and cannon of old days naked hands and makeshift weapons could prevail if fury lent strength and numbers were sufficient. But today, when half a dozen machine guns, handled by twice as many experts, can mow down hundreds in a minute; when even a single high-explosive shell can wreck half a village, when everything that has to do with these weapons, with the munitions that feed them, and the airplanes that guide them, is technical to a degree, of what avail are the scattered rifles and barricades of the people, the regiments hastily levied and scantily armed?"

Of none. Before the muzzles of a few machine guns the people of Ghent and Liege and Antwerp, cities famed in the past for their turbulence, are hurled into slavery well-nigh unresisting.

"For they know resistance to be hopeless. And so it is, and must be. As long as a mere handful of men trained in the use of these engines remains faithful, despotism may sit secure, be the people never so impatient. Only from outside, only by the use of equal weapons, only by other nations, can the yoke be broken and the people be freed."

STERN CALL ON ENGINEERS

Italian Army Had to Fight Nature as Well as the Forces to Which It Was Opposed.

A recent message from the field headquarters of the Italian army says that the transportation routine of this 40-mile mountain front, set down in cold, hard figures, reads thus: 2,448 miles of railroad rebuilt or repaired; 500 miles of new railroad built; 150 miles of airline cables stretched for the telegraphic system; 30,000 miles of telephone wire put up; 10,000 new telegraph, hospital and freight buildings erected; 200 miles of narrow gauge railroad laid on or behind the trenches; 10 new bridges thrown across rivers and precipices to accommodate 2,040 miles of operating road.

The work is credited to 120 civil engineers of the government department of public works, aided by army engineers proper. Likewise, 20,049 workmen and 100,000 army mules, hitched to 50,000 wagons.

The foregoing is the first official record of the exact extent of the construction work on this front, carried on steadily for 15 months, despite enemy artillery, avalanches, snow, 2,448 rains, floods, frost, lack of material and all of the other ills by which engineers are beset.

Do Away With Middlemen.

The English Co-Operative Wholesale Society is one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the world, has factories scattered all over England, in which almost every variety of useful article is made, and owns its own farms, dairies and creameries. Most of the other wholesale societies carry on more or less manufacturing. The English societies have \$50,000,000 invested in houses built for their members. The two great wholesale societies of England and Scotland, created by consumers' societies, began manufacturing and now produce \$500,000,000 worth of commodities yearly. The largest tea warehouse in the United Kingdom is that of the co-operatives, where 25,000,000 pounds of tea are yearly distributed from their own tea lands in Ceylon.—London Mail.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, extending the time for compliance with the terms of an Ordinance passed by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, on the sixth day of September, A. D. 1907, entitled,—"An Ordinance permitting the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company, its successors, lessees or assigns, to construct and maintain a street railway within the Borough of Collegeville, and to operate the same by any power other than steam and horse power, as said company shall from time to time deem expedient and imposing certain conditions and duties upon said company and their faithful observance and performance."

And also providing that if "at any time the State Highway is constructed west of the Perkiomen Railroad Company tracks and between said tracks and the tracks of the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company, in such a way as to occupy a portion of the right of way of said Traction Company, the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company shall relocate its railway either upon the State Highway, or upon a private right of way to be acquired by it."

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained, that it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same—

SECTION 1. That the permission granted by the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company, its successors, lessees or assigns, to construct its railway through the Borough of Collegeville, and to operate the same by any power other than steam and horse power, as said company shall from time to time deem expedient and imposing certain duties and conditions upon said company and their faithful observance and performance," and as set forth in the Ordinance adopted and enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, on the sixth day of September, A. D. 1907, be extended for the period of one year from the date of the approval of an ordinance adopted and enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, on the sixth day of February, A. D. 1917, upon the same terms and conditions as are contained in the ordinance adopted and enacted the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1916.

SECTION 2. Whereas, the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, did, on the twenty-fourth day of August, A. D. 1916, issue a certificate of public convenience, evidencing its approval of certain ordinances of the Borough of Collegeville as recited in the report and order made part of said certificate, and entered into the Public Service Commission's Docket, 1916-243, upon certain conditions which the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville deems to be reasonable and proper in the event described.

Therefore be it ordained and enacted, in accordance with the conditions of the certificate of public convenience of the Public Service Commission, and entered into the Public Service Commission's Docket, 1916-243, upon certain conditions which the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville deems to be reasonable and proper in the event described.

SECTION 3. It is hereby understood and agreed that neither the purpose nor intent of the ordinance of this contract, if and when approved by the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is such as to impair or in anywise affect the exercise by said Commission of any of the powers vested in it by the Public Service Act, approved July 26th, A. D. 1912.

ADDED AND ENACTED by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1917.

W. P. FENTON, President of Town Council.

HORACE L. SAYLOR, Clerk of Town Council.

Approved FRANK W. GRISTOCK, Burgess of Collegeville.

AND NOTED by the Burgess 9th, 1917, the Perkiomen Valley Traction Company, by virtue of action taken by its Board of Directors, accepts the above ordinance.

IRVIN H. BARDMAN, President Perkiomen Valley Traction Company.

ATTEST: FRANCIS W. WACK, Secretary.

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Bauxite From Dutch Guiana.

Bauxite was discovered about 14 months ago by a mining engineer on private property situated on the Surinam river, four hours' journey from Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana. The area over which the bauxite deposits have been found and which discloses various outcrops, is 100 kilometers long and ten kilometers wide (62 by 62 miles). It is not yet possible to give any idea of the amount of bauxite within this area. The bauxite company now operating seems interested only in the highlands and hill deposits. It is in possession of the most suitable land.—Commercial Reports.

Latest H. C. C. Outline.

Is the higher cost of living to embrace everything? Complaint is made by pathological experimenters in Washington that monkeys, once plentiful at \$8 each, are now scarce and cost \$18.—New York World.

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Leave Something to Others.

If, as Shakespeare says, "fall the world's a stage," don't try to be the whole show, or you are apt to find an unpaid clown when you look in the mirror.

Bird Seemingly Needs No Rest.

The golden plover of the Pacific Ocean migrates from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands. Its flight takes it 2,000 miles across an islandless sea.

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Two Bold Buccaneers

By H. AKERS

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Jerry Parks had taken notice of Vera. He liked her voice, the way she spoke, her firm, swinging walk, and the straight gaze of her gray eyes. But things had not gone much further than a few words between them, which came about through his helping her to rescue a floating oar. Talk about American democracy! Well, at a summer resort it's about as easy to establish social relations between the cottagers and a boarding-house keeper as it is to get a lady's maid on the calling list of the duchess of Parghewer. Vera's mother took summer boarders in order to be able to live through the winter when there were not any. She had seen better days, and the remembrance of them had made her careful to instill into the mind of her daughter the fact that she was not to allow herself to be patronized by the "cottage set." The bitterness of her own ostracism caused her to lay rather an undue stress on her advice. But Vera did not seem to even have to repel patronage, she was simply ignored by the social leaders. Still this did not in the least trouble her. The social swim was not with her a burning ambition, and she was too busy helping to run the house and keep track of a Teddy, a particularly adventurous, small brother to have time to be unhappy.

When Jerry broached the subject of Vera's attractions to his mother, a fashionable matron of the exclusive set, she gave him such a hard, cold, emphatic settler on any attempt at social recognition in that quarter that the young man went off by himself to ponder over the pros and cons of the situation, and whether after all the so-called "best society" was not in need of "hurry call" treatment, and if transfusion of blood were not necessary for its continued existence. Rebellion was rising in his soul, but his mother's teaching from the time he



There Was No Trace of the Bold Buccaneers.

was a little lad was not without its influence. Perhaps after all this girl was not well-bred enough to fit in with his people.

Small boys as a general thing are exceedingly democratic. A common object brings them together on the same footing. True there are sometimes small snobs who are the fruit of the training of the big snobs; but no wholesome, ordinary boy is born snobbish. Birch Parks and Jay Benson were of the latter class. They affiliated cordially with Teddy Carr whose adventurous spirit not only attracted them, but made him a kind of leader.

It was through the small boys that Vera came to know more of Jerry Parks. He was especially popular with them all, and some of the stories about him that came to her ears made her think she would really like to know him better, even if he did belong to the "cottage set."

Teddy Carr was always promptly on hand for luncheon, so one day when he did not appear it was opined that something rather unusual was detaining him. Vera took the small row-boat, and started out to search. A slightly sprained wrist made the handling of an oar rather painful, but she was not the sort to be kept back by a personal hurt, so she went on. She was making for one of the little islands in the bay when she heard the chug, chug of a motor boat. It was Jerry Parks' launch, and the next moment he was beside her.

"Ship ahoy!" he called out. Then he noticed the bandage around her wrist. "Had an accident?" he asked. "Oh just a little sprain. I turned it yesterday."

"And you're trying to row with that?" he exclaimed. "Now don't do it. I'll give you a tow right away." And he shut off the engine and started up for the rope.

"And I'm looking for Birch. I'll bet my hat they're together, and we might as well join forces. I'll give you a slack line, then you come in here."

It seemed quite useless for Vera to demur. He declared he was "first aid" to the injured, and almost lifted her into the launch.

"I believe I know what those small sons of Bellini are up to," he said after Vera was comfortably settled. "They have turned bold buccaneers, and are searching for treasure."

"I think," added Vera, "by what I gathered yesterday, it's buried treasure, and it's located on a desert island under a blasted oak."

"Oh, that's the wild adventure, is it?" he laughed. "Well, then we'd better put in to the first island we find."

"Yes," said Vera, "that's what I thought of doing. It won't matter whether it's oak or pine trees, and their imagination will supply the 'blasted' part."

"Can supply the 'blasted' part without any imagination," remarked Jerry with some vexation. "Here's mother having a fit over the young pirate."

"Yes, my mother was beginning to be a bit anxious, but I told her I thought I could find him, and I hope she won't worry. I laughed so when I overheard that pirate scheme. I came pretty near being branded as a spy. Oh, I think the imagination of boys is lovely! I just wish they didn't lose it."

"But suppose," he said, "it should

go on leading them on such a wild goose chase as this?"

"Men will be always led by imagination, and will always be got on wild goose chases. I only think that if they kept the boy's imagination they would go on finer quests."

Jerry stared wonderingly at the girl. Then he fell to thinking. She had said something that made him think.

"They explored the two small islands quite thoroughly, but there was no trace of the bold buccaneers. Jerry, who wished to prolong his stay with Vera, was for starting on a still further cruise several miles away, but she suggested the boys might be home by this time, and they had better turn back. Jerry discovered his supply of gasoline was low, and reluctantly changed his course.

"You asked starved, too, aren't you?" he asked. "Well I think it must be about dinner time. Perhaps I can be 'first aid' this time. I put up a lunch for the boys, and if you'll reach for that basket—"

Jerry reached for it, and they became more chummy than ever over the sandwiches which Jerry declared were the best he ever had in his life.

Much to their surprise they found on arriving the boys had not returned. Vera determined to start out alone to a spot they had not visited. She remembered a little rocky cove further down the shore on the mainland. She put up a light on the boat, and started out. Nearing the place she heard a well-known voice raised in a cry of distress. A sorrier, more forlorn pair of pirates were never seen. They had clambered along the rocks to an isolated point, and the rising tide had cut them off from the shore just as they had concluded to try to swim for safety. Birch Parks had fallen on the slippery rocks, and either he or Vera put out of joint a bone in his ankle. It was so badly swollen Vera could not tell. With the help of Teddy he was lifted into the boat, groaning with the pain.

No one seemed to be at hand when they landed, and the Carr home being nearest, they carried him to the house and hastily informed the Parks family.

As soon as possible a car appeared with Jerry and his distracted mother. After the first meeting with her boy, she stopped and stared at Mrs. Carr. "Mabel Thurston!" she cried. "And here you've been living right near me, and I didn't know it!" And she flew at the little woman, and hugged her.

When Jerry and Vera came back from their wedding tour they brought gold watches to Birch and Teddy.

"If it hadn't been for those pirates," they said, "we wouldn't have found the treasure."

Was He Really Stupid?

A young foreigner was being tried in court and the questioning by the lawyers on the opposite side began.

"Now, Laszky, what do you do?"

"I'm a lawyer," asked Laszky.

"When you work, of course," said the lawyer.

"I work," said Laszky.

"I know," said the lawyer, "but what at?"

"At a bench," said Laszky.

"Oh!" groaned the lawyer. "Where do you work at a bench?"

"In a factory," said Laszky.

"What kind of a factory?"

"Brick," said Laszky.

"You make bricks?"

"No, de factory is made of bricks," said Laszky.

"Now, Laszky, what do you make in that factory?"

"Eight dollars a week," said Laszky.

"No, no! What does the factory make?"

"I dunno; a lot of money, I think," said Laszky.

"Now, listen! What kind of goods does the factory produce?"

"Oh," said Laszky, "good goods."

"I know, but what kind of good goods?"

"The best," said Laszky.

"The best of what?"

"The best there is," said Laszky.

"Oh, what?"

"Of dose goods," said Laszky.

"Your honor," said the lawyer, "I give up."—New York Sun.

Making It Worse.

Knickerbocker. We shall have compulsory military training for schoolboys.

Rocker—And it is all I can do to lick my son as it is.—New York Sun.

There Was a Reason.

former Gov. Martin H. Glynn of New York said there was usually a reason for most things and told the following story as an illustration:

A colored man was rambling down one of the streets of a southern town one afternoon, when he met a friend.

"Look here, Rastus," exclaimed the colored party, "they told me dat yo' done gone an' married Lilac Washington last Sunday night."

"De news an' c'rect, Jim," answered Rastus with a broad smile. "I done gone married Lilac all right."

"Am dat so?" reflectively returned the other. "Didn't yo' tell me only las' week dat yo' wasn't gwine ter marry anybody as long as yo' lived?"

"Dat's jes' what I did, Jim," admitted Rastus, "but I don't know at time dat I was gwine ter lose ma job."

—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

Curbing Ravages of Aphids.

Announcement has been made by the United States bureau of entomology that the great success has attended the efforts to combat the spinach aphid which seriously attacked the truck crops of Virginia year after year. This has been accomplished by the introduction of the spotted lady bird, which is known to have been very effective in keeping down the aphids. The first efforts in this direction were unsuccessful, owing to the fact that there has been extensive removal of trees and underbrush, and this left no accommodations for the lady birds during the winter. This has now been taken care of and the ravages of the aphids greatly decreased.

Insects Spread Plant Disease.

The Pennsylvania department of forestry has been making exhaustive investigations with a view to finding out the means of the dissemination of spores of blight fungus which are the causes of numerous tree diseases. There is evidence that insects are primarily responsible for the spread of spores, although many of them are, of course, carried by the wind. The results of these investigations suggest also that the spread of other plant diseases is directly traceable to the action of insects.

Old Use of Word.

An English officer, who has been censoring Scottish soldiers' letters, has just been explaining to me that the Scotchmen are awful liars. I confessedly surprised him by giving me the example: "One of them wrote to his wife the other day that he was absolutely starving, and the fellow was having the best rations he ever got in his life." But it was only of the cold that the Jock was complaining.

But suppose," he said, "it should

RECOGNIZED BRAND AT ONCE

How Mrs. Schofield Knew That Daughter's Husband Had Not Hitherto Been Carefree Bachelor.

Here is some inside dope on how to tell a married man. The system is made known by Mrs. Anna Schofield, who has just helped her daughter secure an annulment of her marriage as wife No. 2. Ma Schofield says marriage brands a man as plain as a hot iron on a cow's hip. When her eagle eye fell upon her new son-in-law she declares that she saw immediately where the harness had rubbed. And then she gave the formula: "Like all average married men, my son-in-law was an artistic flatterer in a way about things wives like to be lied to about. He could praise coffee that everybody knew was vile in such a way that it tasted good. Like his brother benedicts, he knew how to praise his wife's taste, whether good or bad. If a married man says something about another woman he does not neglect to say something a little nicer about his wife. That was my son-in-law. Take tears for instance. Tears break a newly and never-before-married man's heart. He gets all excited about them. But they rolled off that man's feelings like water off a duck. I kept quiet about my suspicions until one day he and daughter were quarreling. He fought like a married man. He knew when to talk and when to shut up. After that I determined to investigate his career."—New York Sun.

WAR BREAD IN USE IN ITALY

Experts Pronounce It Superior to Products of Bakeries Before the Great Conflict Began.

A war bread of the Italian bakers, designed primarily to save manual labor, uses the wheat without milling. As described, its only peculiarity of appearance is a gray color, and the product of the municipal bakery at Bergamo is claimed to be highly pleasing in flavor and more nutritious than flour bread, containing a larger proportion of mineral salts, lecithin and vegetable protein. The sifted and washed grain is soaked in warm water for 48 to 60 hours. The germination—or vitalization—thus set up softens and modifies chemically, and when this has proceeded far enough, the grain is fed into a kneading machine. After triturating and kneading in this machine, the mass is allowed to ferment or rise, like other dough, before placing in the oven. Besides the economy in labor there is a lessening of waste, and the yield of bread from a given quantity of grain is 20 to 30 per cent more greater than that from grain that has been made into flour. The dark and unpalatable whole-grain bread complained of in some parts of Italy is explained by an agricultural authority as probably due to inferior wheat or poor baking.

Attaining Clear Conscience.

A clear conscience is always comforting. When an assessor is a conscience to testify that you have done the best you can? And the only way to have such a conscience is to do the best you can.

Auto as Showcase.

A California dyer took off the rear seat of his automobile and put in its place a glass showcase, in which his work is displayed as he delivers it to his customers.

More in Life Than Wealth.

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Fairview Village and Vicinity

Mr. David L. Truckess and family were guests of Mr. L. W. Mattern, West Point, on Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Graber, the teacher of the upper grades of Fairview school, has introduced in the school a novel and excellent plan for outside activity of the pupils. Not long ago he started a library and has received, by gifts of interested people, a large number of books. But the obstacle of the library was the lack of a bookcase, hence Mr. Graber designated each pupil to sell Larkins' goods and to choose a bookcase as the premium. The result was that the amount of sales was far beyond expectation. The amount of sales was eighty-seven dollars. Consequently the school not only has a handsome bookcase as the reward of their efforts but also something which the teacher will disclose later. When the pupils discover what this surprise is, their happiness will be unlimited.

On Saturday evening the class of 1913 of Worcester High School held a reunion at the home of Mr. George Seipt, Worcester. The old-time spirit, enthusiasm, versatility and ability which characterized the class of 1913 was exhibited anew at this reunion. The splendid program which Miss Frances Seipt had prepared for the evening emphasized her ability as an entertainer. Games, well chosen and intricate with prizes to each one, vocal and instrumental music, varied and delicious refreshments, and finally dancing characterized the events of the evening. The members present were: Misses Louisa Anson, Helen Bean and Frances Seipt, Messrs. Russell Kreamer, Ernest Heebner, Reuben Kriebel, Jacob Nyce, Marvin Witsee, Sheridan Metz, George Meschter, Robert Truckess.

OAKS.

The entertainment given by the young men's Bible class of Green Tree last Saturday was well patronized and quite a neat sum was realized.

The schools at Green Tree were closed and fumigated on Monday on account of a case of scarlet fever.

Miss Jane Gotwals spent the week end with Philadelphia friends.

Last Tuesday, the 20th, Mrs. Mary Bowden quickly celebrated her 92nd birthday at the home of her son, G. H. Bowden. Mrs. Bowden is enjoying the best of health excepting that she had a fall a few days ago and hurt her wrist, but this is not serious. During the day she had company from Spring City and Oaks. She received several beautiful remembrances and a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers from the Christian Helpers' Society of Green Tree church. The day being Shrove Tuesday she was presented with some of Mrs. Smull's excellent doughnuts. Mrs. Bowden has been blind for fifteen years; nevertheless she is very patient with all her afflictions.

The seven Sunday campaign of St. Paul's church started last Sunday with a congregation almost four times as large as usual. This campaign will be conducted throughout Lent and end on Easter day. The Wednesday evening services are well attended.

The Junior Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Dettra on Monday evening.

The Oaks Building and Loan Association met Monday evening and the Fire Company on Tuesday evening.

The choir met at the church after services on Wednesday.

Rev. C. F. McKee is assisting at the Bible institute being held at Norristown during this week.

All services at Green Tree church during the week as usual. There is a special service scheduled for Sunday, March 25th. Details will be announced later.

N. U. Davis, Jr., and boy friend spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. N. U. Davis, Sr.

FURNISHING THE HOME.

When you plan to furnish your new home and have just so much money to spend begin by making two lists, one of the things you want and the other of the things you have to have. Cross off from one and add to the other and you will get the best results from your money.

Plans for furnishing a home should begin with the kitchen. A housewife spends a good share of her time in the kitchen, and she owes it to herself to make it as attractive and easy to work in as possible.

Too many young housekeepers plan their furnishing and homes with a view to what their friends will say about them and not enough attention to the real needs.

Too many of us start furnishing our homes where our friends will see them first—at the front door—and when we get to the kitchen there is nothing left.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE JUDGE HIT BACK.

A late police magistrate was a most painstaking judge in all his cases, and in important ones it was his custom to defer summing up until the next sitting of the court. On one occasion he gave an exhaustive decision on a case, after which the lawyer for the plaintiff rose and questioned it.

"Pardon me," said his worship.

"I cannot allow you to reopen the case after I have given my final decision. I may be wrong, but that is my opinion."

The lawyer quickly replied:

"Then, your worship, I know it is no use knocking my head against a brick wall. I suppose I must sit down."

The magistrate adjusted his eyeglasses and, looking serenely at the lawyer said:

"Sir, I know it is no use you knocking your head against a brick wall, but I may add that I know of no one who could perform such an operation with less injury to himself and with a light, strong line about than you."—Case and Comment.

BLACK ROCK AND VICINITY.

The horse belonging to Samuel Hood died of colic last week.

Mr. Norman Jones, of Warwick, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hallman of Mont Clare called at W. W. Wright's on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Blanche Carter, of New Jersey, visited at Midway Farm on Saturday.

Mr. John Eicholtz, of Evansburg, spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. Charles Shaffer.

Mr. Lutz, who resided with his son-in-law Mr. Gilbert of near this place, died last week and was taken to Philadelphia for burial.

Mr. Elizabeth Garber is still on the sick list.

Misses Ada and Susanna Hunsberger spent Sunday with relatives in Collegeville.

Port Providence Items.

Mrs. William Williams and children Marie and "Billy" spent Wednesday in Norristown.

"Squire Brower was a business visitor to Philadelphia, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cliff attended the funeral of Mrs. Cliff's father, Noah Rhoades, of Camden, N. J. Mr. Rhoades was in his 95th year.

The Oliver Epright family are moving into one of Wm. Williams' new cement block houses.

Leon Geary, of Reading, spent several days of this week with relatives here.

Jacob Rowland entertained about fifteen of his friends at a birthday party, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns spent several days of last week in Philadelphia.

Samuel Mowrey, of Spring City, called on Mr. and Mrs. James Brower, Thursday.

The Literary Society of this place held their regular meeting and exercises Thursday. Exercises appropriate for Washington's Birthday were held.

William Force attended the funeral of his friend Immanuel Ewing on Friday.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brower have recovered, after being confined to their home with tonsillitis.

The D. D. I. and C. Club of Conshohocken will give a play, in the Port Providence schoolhouse on Saturday evening, March 8, 1917, entitled "Miss Flanders and Company." Benefit of the school piano fund. Tickets 15 and 25 cents.

A Bible reading was held at the home of John B. Burns, Jr., Saturday, by the Seventh Day Adventists. The meeting was largely attended, the out of town visitors being Miss Elma Weiss and Mrs. Bertie Richardson wife of Elder Richardson who is president of the Seventh Day Adventists of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Arthur Smith, secretary of the Mont Clare needle factory, says they have a large number of orders on hand, but are handicapped for the want of help. They sent a large consignment to foreign lands, last week.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Poley was a shock to the community. The public extend their sympathy to the bereaved ones. Mrs. Poley will be sadly missed as she was one of the older residents of the village. She was both a good mother and neighbor.

Mrs. Daniel Keplinger and daughter Jane, of Norristown, spent Sunday with the George Keplinger family.

Mrs. Burleigh Wesler is seriously ill at her home in Cromby. Mrs. Wesler was a former resident of this place.

A resident of this place is nursing a very sore finger. It happened in rather an amusing manner. He had sharpened a bread knife and in a joke drew it across his finger, thinking he had the sharp edge up but instead drew it through his finger, cutting it almost into the bone.

Joseph Jacobs, of Mont Clare, entertained a few of his friends at a card party, Saturday evening; a most enjoyable time was had by all. Edward Eiseley rendered several beautiful selections on the piano, while Eugene Harris sang in a pleasing manner. "Oh it's great to meet a friend from your own home town." At a late hour refreshments were served. Those present were: Harry Detwiler, Eugene Harris, Elwood Turner, George Dobson, Edward Eiseley and Constable C. Howard Force.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Kirsten, of Phoenixville, spent Sunday with the Howard Force family.

James the two-year-old son of Horace Quay had the misfortune to fall against the stove and receive a very severe burn on the left side of his face.

George Hallman and family spent Sunday evening with the Elwood Sheeder family.

Claude Stoll and family, of Oaks, spent Sunday with Harry Detwiler and family.

Wm. Davis and family spent Sunday afternoon with John Burns and family.

George Geary and wife and son, of Reading, called on Mr. Geary's sisters, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Supplee and Mrs. John Burns on Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, of Mont Clare, called on friends in this town on Sunday.

Russell Kirk and family, of Phoenixville, spent Sunday with Mr. Kirk's parents.

Norris Detwiler, of Yerkess, called on his brother Harry on Thursday.

Joseph Fitzwater and daughter Ada are spending some time in Philadelphia.

SHOOT THE FISH.

Instead of using nets or the conventional hook and line, the natives of Guinea shoot the fish with bow and arrow, says the Popular Science Monthly. The arrow used is designed especially for this purpose and is about five feet in length, with no feathers. The head which is barbed, is made from sheet iron and is provided with a socket which is slipped over the head of the shaft and with a light, strong line about ten feet long.

YERKES.

A. D. Gotwals cut down a large paradise tree from the front of his home which improves the looks very much.

A. G. Reiner purchased a sorrel driving horse from Mr. Bechtel at Yerkess.

H. H. Bechtel purchased a pair of fine young horses.

Rev. Irvin Landes and family and John East spent Sunday with Rev. J. H. Mack.

J. M. Hunsberger and family spent Sunday with D. H. Jones and family.

Go easy over the bridge on the state highway at Mr. Peter Colehower's, or someones going to bump.

Mrs. Clarence Bechtel underwent an operation at the Pottstown hospital. She is doing well.

Norris Detwiler moved to his brother's chicken farm at Green Tree, where he is employed.

Joseph Hunsberger will take up his residence on his farm at Mingo on Thursday. We wish them success.

E. K. Detwiler has an old penny like the one mentioned in the INDEPENDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Reiner celebrated the sixth anniversary of their wedding on Sunday. We congratulate them.

The writer imagines a hurdle race between A. G. Reiner and Butcher Faust with their Ford autos would be something novel and interesting.

The gemmen who stole the pipe and monkey wrenches at Detwiler's sale is a sneaking cur.

IRONBRIDGE.

The services in the chapel conducted by Rev. Clapp on Sunday evening were well attended. The next evening services there will be on March 25 at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Bessie Smith tendered a party to the members of her Sunday school class on Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was delightfully spent in playing various games at which refreshments were served.

Mrs. John K. Custer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Spare, of this place, who underwent an operation at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, some time ago, has returned from the hospital and is now staying at Perkiomen Terrace, Gratersford.

Mr. Isaac Tyson spent Saturday in Royersford.

Mr. Theodore Silcott spent Saturday in Limerick.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Landis, of near this place, spent Sunday with A. L. Oberholzer and family.

Jonas Shaeffer and family will move to this place to-day (Thursday).

M. T. Hunsicker spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Henry Landis and family, of Skippack township, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Hartman.

The roads about this place are very muddy, especially the gravel pike between this place and Perkiomen bridge. It is about the worst strip of road between Allentown and Philadelphia.

ITS BACKBONE IS A SPRING.

The snapping bug has a spring in his back like a knife. When not in use as a spring it serves him as a backbone, so you see he is a believer in scientific efficiency and makes one part of his machinery do the work of two. His spring backbone, or backbone spring, if you prefer, gives him power to jump, which in turn gives him his name. Nature probably gave him the spring to help him get on his feet when he's on his back. You've noticed how helpless some insects are when you lay them on their backs. Not this one, however. He slips his backbone out of its groove and then slips it back again suddenly. The spring pops him up in the air; he turns a somersault and drops right side up. Spring backbones are common in several other beetles, remarks the Philadelphia North American, which destroys the farmer's crops, has a spring in his back. Other members of the family make their homes in trees or decayed wood.

MEN WITH LONG, TAPERING "PIANO" FINGERS are apt to desert after short service, while those having stubby digits denoting stability of character and utter lack of the artistic temperament usually stand by their oaths and make the best marriage, according to the finger print expert headquarters of the United States marine corps. Although desertions from the corps are light at all times, it has been found that actors, sign writers and, strange to say, waiters furnish the largest number of deserters. Records, including finger prints, of all men enlisted in the marine corps are kept at headquarters for purposes of identification, and there are cases on record where bodies with finger tips intact have been positively identified through the finger print medium.

BLACK FRIDAYS.

In England the term Black Friday was first applied to December 6, 1745, the day on which news reached London that the pretender, Charles Edward, had reached Derby. Again on May 11, 1866, when the failure of a large English discounting institution brought on a most disastrous panic, the day was called Black Friday. On the day of the suspension of the Bank of England raised the rate of discount 9 per cent. Wild speculation in gold in New York and other cities culminated in a monetary crash on September 16, 1875, that swept thousands of firms and individuals into financial ruin and caused a commercial depression that extended into the eighties of the last century; hence the origin of the term Black Friday in the United States.

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